

In the Specification:

Please make the changes to pages 1, 2 and 10 as shown on the attached sheets.

Page 1, line 19, delete "3,195,094" and insert ~~3,190,594~~.

Prior art outriggers are shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,927,754, 3,008,259, 3,161,390, ~~3,195,094~~ 3,190,594, 3,724,791, 5,445,102, and 5,592,893.

Page 2, line 13 delete “born” and insert “borne”.

weight of the outrigger ~~born~~ borne by the indexing means.

Page 10, delete the paragraph beginning at line 7 and insert the following:

~~We have invented an improvement in an outrigger holder apparatus mounted on the T-top of a boat, comprising:~~

- ~~—— a housing means fixedly mounted on said T-top;~~
- ~~—— an outrigger holder means mounted in said housing for rotation therein;~~
- ~~—— a bearing means engaging said outrigger holder means and said housing means for providing a bearing therebetween to bear the weight of the outrigger holder means upon rotation of the outrigger holder means; and~~
- ~~—— an indexing means engaging said outrigger holder means and said housing means for rotating the outrigger holder means to selected positions; said indexing means having a first portion engaging said housing means for rotation therewith and a second portion which can be selectively engaged and disengaged with said first portion; said second portion when disengaged being positioned to engage and rotate said outrigger holder means without bearing the weight of the outrigger holder means.~~

Overview of the invention

To get a perspective on the invention, it comprises an indexing means for mounting an outrigger holder on top of a structural part of a boat and for adjusting the position of that holder to a plurality of fixed positions in a horizontal plane. This adjustment is made from underneath the structural part of the boat, upon which the holder is mounted. To make this adjustment practicable, a bearing means is provided to take the weight of the holder and the outrigger positioned therein, while the holder is being indexed to another fixed position.

The outrigger holder is shown in Figure 29 and comprises a depending part 106 for mounting in the mounting means. An alternate version of a holder 1106 is shown in Figure 2.

The mounting means for the holder is part number 82 Figure 20 and its associated mounting plate 430 Figures 11 and 18 and screws 190.

The bearing means 120 is the bearings 124 Figures 28 and 24, the surface of the slot 128

in part 82 upon which the bearings ride, and the spring 122 that holds the bearings in the slot.

To index the holder 106, a lock 60 is provided with a pin 112 Figure 25 fixed therein. The pin is positioned to be engaged by the forked end 110 of the holder 106. The lock 60 has pins 84 Figure 20 which mate with holes 86 Figure 19 in the part 82 and retain the lock and the holder in a fixed position. A release and turning mechanism is provided for pulling the lock 60 downwardly to disengage the pins 84 from the holes 86 in part 82; thereby allowing the lock 60 to be rotated in a horizontal plane. Since the pin 112 is still embraced by the holder 106 (because it is in the slot in the forked end 110), the holder 106 turns with the lock 60. When the release and turning mechanism is released, the lock is returned upwardly and the pins on the lock 60 re-engage with the holes 86 and, thereby, hold the outrigger holder in a different fixed position. That process is what is called "indexing"; i.e. adjusting the outrigger holder to a plurality of fixed positions in a horizontal plane.